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Date of Interview: 23 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Of record.

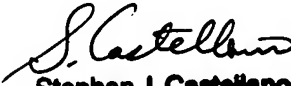
Identification of prior art discussed: Of record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Stephen J. Castellano
Primary Examiner

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant called to discuss how examiner was reading Nulman et al. (6289915) and Suzuki (US 6305568 & JP2001-113963) on "said peripheral part defining an annular abutting surface defined by said first and second parts disposed concentrically one next to the other, said second part at said abutting surface projecting slightly beyond said first part at said abutting surface." The projecting second part, as shown in Fig. 5-7, represented a method limitation in a product claim and that when finally welded there wouldn't be a projecting portion as the surfaces of the first and second parts would be flush with each other.